

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Election/Restrictions

The Office action is imposing a Restriction Requirement, categorizing the claims as follows:

Group I, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon and Q₁, Q₂ represent non-heterocyclic groups,

Group II, the instances wherein A₁ is nitrogen, A₂-A₄ are carbon and Q₁, Q₂ represent non-heterocyclic groups,

Group III, the instances wherein A₂ is nitrogen, A₁, A₃ and A₄ are carbon and Q₁, Q₂ represent non-heterocyclic groups,

Group IV, the instances wherein A₃ is nitrogen, A₁, A₂ and A₄ are carbon and Q₁, Q₂ represent non-heterocyclic groups,

Group V, the instance wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon, Q₁ is pyrrol-2-yl and Q₂ represents non-heterocyclic groups,

Group VI, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon, Q₁ is pyrazin-2-yl and Q₂ represents non-heterocyclic groups,

Group VII, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon, Q₁ is pyrimidin-5-yl and Q₂ represents non-heterocyclic groups,

Group VIII, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon, Q₁ is furan-2-yl and Q₂ represents non-heterocyclic groups,

Group IX, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon, Q₁ is thiophen-2-yl and Q₂ represents non-heterocyclic groups,

Group X, any compounds not grouped in above groups since claim 1 is too vague to further group, and

Group XI, Claim 13, drawn to multiple uses.

Applicants elect with traverse Group I, the instances wherein A₁-A₄ are carbon

and Q_1 , Q_2 represent non-heterocyclic groups. The election is made with traverse because it is respectfully submitted that the Office action fails to establish that Groups I-XI lack the same or corresponding special technical features. More specifically, no specific prior art was identified in the Office action and applied to find the same or corresponding special technical features. In this connection, the relevant portion of MPEP states as follows:

[A] national stage application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept ("requirement of unity of invention"). Where a group of inventions is claimed in a national stage application, the requirement of unity of invention shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. **The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.** MPEP 1893.03(d) Unity of Invention, emphasis added.

Since there is no specific prior art identified in the Office action, the restriction requirement should be traversed.

The Office action is also imposing an Election Requirement in the event of an election of either Groups I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, XI, or X, requiring election of a single compound.

Applicants elect with traverse Compound No. 1208 in Table 3 (Continuation 10) at page 115 of the subject specification. At least claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 17, and 18 read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. PRZ-33635.

Respectfully submitted,

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